

18 December 2006

Mr. Thomas Navin
Chief
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Petition for Temporary Waiver for Limited Disaster Recovery Trial
Docket Number #99-200

Dear Mr. Navin:

This letter replaces the request made by Texas A&M University on 16 November, 2006.

On behalf of Texas A&M University and Texas A&M's Telecommunications Research Laboratory, I am submitting for your review and approval this Petition for a three month Temporary Waiver, beginning 23 December, 2006 and ending on 23 March, 2007, in pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Commission's rules. In order to conduct an emergency preparedness trial, approximately 10 telephone numbers need to be ported from the Corpus Christi LATA to the Bryan LATA. This waiver has been discussed with staff members of the Public Utilities Commission for the State of Texas and their position was that while they endorsed the trial, they felt that the authority to grant the waiver rested in the FCC.

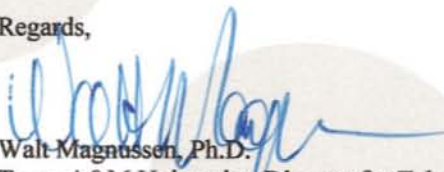
The Texas A&M lab referenced above is currently engaged in many projects involving telecommunications technology including NG-911 and Disaster Recovery. This project is sponsored by VeriSign who will ensure this process will function should we require it in the event of a disaster (an additional waiver would be requested were it to become necessary). Grande Telephone is the CLEC that will support the actual porting of the numbers.

The Disaster Recovery project involves dynamic routing of inbound telephone calls in the event of a disaster. An example would be the evacuation of Texas A&M Corpus Christi and the redirecting of their calls to the College Station campus. The porting will be over the TAMU intranet. This service is important in the dissemination of information to the families of evacuees.

The FCC released a report after last years' hurricanes Rita and Katrina that discussed issues related to porting services outside of the LATA in the event of a disaster. This study is instrumental in the identification of these issues and other issues as they relate to the end user. I have attached a copy of the FCC report.

Your consideration and approval of this request are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



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